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| 10/015,862         | 12/12/2001          | Michael D. Hooven     | HOOV 118               |

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
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- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**

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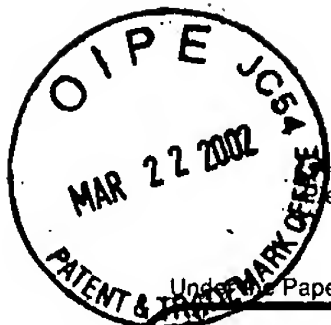
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| Filing Date            | December 12, 2001         |
| First Named Inventor   | Michael D. Hooven, et al. |
| Group Art Unit         | 3762                      |
| Examiner Name          |                           |
| Attorney Docket Number | HOOV 118                  |

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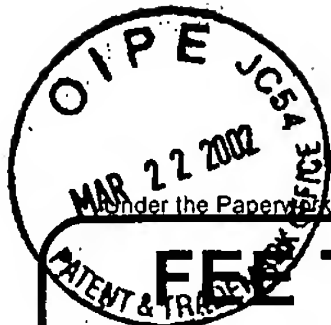
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☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 101 740                    | 201 370                    | Utility filing fee     |          |
| 106 330                    | 206 165                    | Design filing fee      |          |
| 107 510                    | 207 255                    | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 108 740                    | 208 370                    | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 114 160                    | 214 80                     | Provisional filing fee |          |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ )

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims  -20\*\* =  X  =   
Independent Claims  - 3\*\* =  X  =   
Multiple Dependent  =

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 103 18                     | 203 9                      | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 102 84                     | 202 42                     | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 104 280                    | 204 140                    | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 109 84                     | 209 42                     | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 110 18                     | 210 9                      | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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| 105 130                    | 205 65                     | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  | 65.00    |
| 127 50                     | 227 25                     | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 139 130                    | 139 130                    | Non-English specification  |          |
| 147 2,520                  | 147 2,520                  | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |          |
| 112 920*                   | 112 920*                   | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 113 1,840*                 | 113 1,840*                 | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 115 110                    | 215 55                     | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 116 400                    | 216 200                    | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 117 920                    | 217 460                    | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 118 1,440                  | 218 720                    | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 128 1,960                  | 228 980                    | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 119 320                    | 219 160                    | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 120 320                    | 220 160                    | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 121 280                    | 221 140                    | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 138 1,510                  | 138 1,510                  | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 140 110                    | 240 55                     | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 141 1,280                  | 241 640                    | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 142 1,280                  | 242 640                    | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 143 460                    | 243 230                    | Design issue fee   |          |
| 144 620                    | 244 310                    | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 122 130                    | 122 130                    | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 123 50                     | 123 50                     | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |          |
| 126 180                    | 126 180                    | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 581 40                     | 581 40                     | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 146 740                    | 246 370                    | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))              |          |
| 149 740                    | 249 370                    | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))           |          |
| 179 740                    | 279 370                    | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 169 900                    | 169 900                    | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |

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